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Audio-Visual Text-To-Speech Synthesis

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following at page 1, line 2 of the specification:

-- PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/390,704, filed September 7, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,122,177, filed November 7, 1997. The contents of these priority documents are incorporated herein by reference.--